CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	DSCF0005.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1001613.004
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	25 November 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The file has a highly sexualised image of two very young teenage girls posing in revealing showgirl costumes. The image is intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in young people. The availability of such material encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the belief that young girls may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.